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Former city manager **Denise Ovrom** organized a gala 80th Birthday Party for her retired city manager husband **Robert "Bud" Ovrom**. According to writer **David Laurell**, a past Burbank Mayor, at one point Denise and Bud were the only husband/wife city managers in the nation. Birthday celebrating were Burbank luminaries, family, friends, and several city managers colleagues and friends, including **Lloyd de Llamas**, **Jim Starbird**, **Scott Mitnick** and **Mike Sedell**.

California Managers in Cities from La Verne to Lake Elsinore

This Special August 2025 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown includes information regarding the cities of [La Verne](#), [Lafayette](#), [Laguna Beach](#), [Laguna Niguel](#), [Laguna Woods](#), and [Lake Elsinore](#). This grouping includes three cities in Los Orange County, [Laguna Beach](#), [Laguna Niguel](#), and [Laguna Woods](#); one city in Los Angeles County, [La Verne](#); one in Riverside County, [Lake Elsinore](#) and one from Contra Costa County, [Lafayette](#). **Ken Domer** is the [La Verne](#) city manager and **Niroop K. Srivatsa** is the city manager in [Lafayette](#), **Dave Kiff** in [Laguna Beach](#), and **Tamara Letourneau** is the city manager in [Laguna Niguel](#). City Manager **Christopher Macon** service [Laguna Wood](#), and the [Lake Elsinore](#) city manager is **Jason Simpson**.

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It was the 1830s when European settlers came to the area that included the former cities of Pomona, Claremont, San Dimas, Glendora and La Verne. In the 1880s the Santa Fe Railroad ran a rail line across La Verne towards Los Angeles. The town was named "Lordsburg" for the landowner who worked with the railroad to bring service to the area. The town was incorporated as "La Verne" in August 1906, when local grew field crops and citrus orchards. Following the end of World War II the citrus business slowly faded away. The 2020 population of La Verne is 31,334. **Ken Domer** is the City Manager, and the Deputy City Clerk is **Debra Fritz**. Eric Scherer is the Director of Community Development, and **Yvonne Duran** is the Director of Parks & Recreation, while **Danny Wu** is the Director of Public Works.



City Manager **Ken Domer** began his public service career in January 1991 working for the State of California in Sacramento. In September 1996, Ken joined the staff for the County of Orange, and after working various positions for the county, Ken was appointed City Manager for the City of Villa Park in May 2005. He became Assistant City Administrator for Placentia in December 2008, and then joined the city staff in Huntington Beach as Assistant City Manager. In July 2017, Ken became city manager for the City of Fullerton. After leaving Fullerton in April 2021, he was hired to serve as Assistant City Manager for the City of Laguna Beach. Ken was selected to be the La Verne city manager starting in December 2022. Ken earned a BA and MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**).



Yvonne Duran, Parks & Recreation Director, has been with La Verne for 8 years overseeing the Community Center operations and implementing new programs for young and elderly residents alike. She previously worked with the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District in Camarillo. She earned a BS from California State University, Northridge.

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In 2022, **Jesse Duff** became the Interim City Manager following **Bob Russi**'s retirement. Jesse, a longtime well-respected city manager, has more than 40 years of local government executive experience. He retired as the Duarte city manager in 2004. After his retirement, Jesse served as Interim City Manager for Claremont and Irwindale, and as Interim Community Development Director in Rosemead. He joined the Tri-City Mental Health Authority in 2007 as Executive Director.

Robert "Bob" T. Russi retired after serving as La Verne city manager for more than 12 years. His last day with the city was August 19, 2022. Bob came La Verne in 2001 as Assistant to the City Manager, **Marty Lomeli**. After being promoted to Assistant City Manager, Bob was appointed city manager when Marty retired in 2010. Bob began his public service career working for the City of Walnut starting in 1990.

Martin "Marty" Lomeli, born and raised in La Verne, was the La Verne City Manager for 23-years. He had been with the city since 1981 and served as city manager starting in 1987. Marty began his public service career as an Intern for the City of West Covina in September 1978. He joined the Rosemead city staff in December 1978 as an Administrative Assistant to city manager **Frank G. Tripepi**. In December 1979, Marty took an Administrative Analyst position with the San Luis Obispo, and he joined the city of La Verne staff as Assistant City Manager in January 1981.



2013 picture of **Marty Lomeli** and his daughter taken at Half Dome in Yosemite. This is a favorite "Marty" picture!



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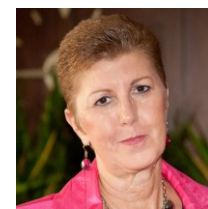
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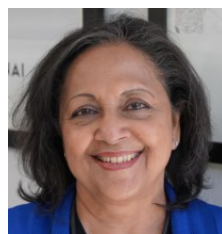
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Lafayette, located in Contra Costa County, is named for **Marquis de Lafayette**, a French military officer of the American Revolutionary War. Most of the Lafayette area was a part of a Mexican land grant. European settlement is generally thought to have begun with the arrival **Elam Brown** from St. Joseph, Missouri in 1846. The "Lafayette" post office was established in 1857, though the town's name was not official. Some called the community "Dog Town," Brown's Corner, Brown's Mill, and Alcananus. In 1890 the name became the single word, "Lafayette" thanks to the U.S. Post Office. Lafayette was incorporated in July 1968. The Lafayette city manager is **Niroop Kasthuri Srivatsa**, and **Joanne Robbins** is City Clerk. **Jonathan Katayanagi** is the Director of Parks, Trails & Recreation. **James Williams** is Chief of Police, and Mike Moran is the Director of Engineering and Public Works.



City Manager **Niroop Kasthuri Srivatsa** worked as a Planning Intern in September 1981 for the city of Wheaton, Illinois. After working in Naperville, Illinois, she was hired as the Planning Director for Lafayette starting in 1992. In

1995 Niroop was promoted to Community Development Director. In 2001 she was made Planning & Building Services Director, and she served in that position for 17 years. Starting in 2016, she became active with the League of California Cities. In 2016-2017, she served as President of the League's Planning & Community Development Department. In January 2019, Niroop was selected to serve as the Lafayette Interim City Manager, and in August she was hired to serve as City Manager. She earned a BA in architecture from Anna University Chennai. She completed graduate courses in architecture and urban design at Washington University in St. Louis. For nearly 15 years between 2005 and 2020 she was a Dog Socializer and Trainer with the Tony La Russa Animal Rescue Foundation.

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Laguna Beach is an Orange County Pacific Coast resort city. Laguna Beach was settled in the 1870s, and officially founded in 1887. Tourism is the primary community's economic activity with an estimated six million people visiting annually. Large annual events include the Pageant of the Masters, Festival of Arts, Sawdust Art Festival Art-A-Fair, Bluewater Music Festival, and Kelpfest. The majority of Laguna Beach was one of the few parcels of coastal land in Southern California that was never included in a Mexican land grant. The community in Laguna Canyon and around the main beach expanded during the 1880s. A post office was founded in 1887 under the name Laguna, but **Nicholas Isch**, the postmaster, in 1904, successfully petitioned for a name correction to Laguna Beach. The city was incorporated in June 1927. The 2020 population is 23,032.

Eiler Larsen, a Danish immigrant, became a Laguna Beach icon by happily greeting and waving at visitors to the city. From the 1940s to the early 1970s, Eiler greeting one and all with a friendly wave and "Hello." He became a symbol of Laguna Beach's welcoming and artistic spirit.

Laguna Beach City Manager **Dave Kiff** works with two Assistant City Managers, **Gavin Curran** and **Jeremy Frimond**. The City Clerk is **Ann Marie McKay**. **Mark McAvoy** is the Director of Public Works and Utilities. **Michelle Bannigan** is the Director of Finance, and **Alexis Braun** is the Acting Director of Transit and Community Services. **Jeff Calvert** is the Laguna Beach Chief of Police, and the Fire Chief is **Niko King**. The Director of Human Resources and Risk Management is **Aggie Nesh**. **Laura Parisi** is the City Treasurer and **Matthew Schneider** is the Director of Community Development. **Sandy Groves** is a former Assistant City Manager starting in July 1995. **Ken Frank**, with the city 31 years, was city manager starting in 1979, retiring in 2010.



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Shannon Espinoza is the Finance Manager for Laguna Beach. She previously worked for the cities of Fountain Valley and Newport Beach. Shannon is past President (2011-2012) of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

Sanford M. Groves began his public service career as an Administrative Assistant for the city of La Mirada from October 1967 to June 1968. He joined the Garden Grove city staff in August 1973 as an Administrative Assistant and worked his way up in the organization. Sandy was the Staff Assistant to the City Manager from June 1977 to March 1978. He left Garden Grove to work with the ICMA staff in Washington D.C. from 1978 to 1981. Sandy came back to California to join the city of Paramount staff as Assistant City Manager in January 1981. Sandy became the Laguna Beach Deputy City Manager in 1996 and worked in that position until 2001. After concluding his local government career, Sandy has become a well-known professional artist in ceramics and pottery manufacturing at a Laguna Beach studio. His overlapping careers allowed Sandy to be involved in ceramics for 50-plus. He has produced thousands of pieces and sold most of them. Sandy has exhibited his work in galleries and shows over the years in Southern California, Washington D.C. and Santa Fe. Sandy earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Fullerton.

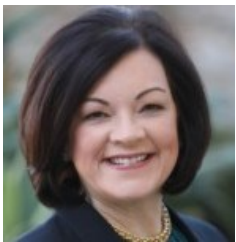
Ken Frank held the Laguna Beach city manager job from 1979 to 2010. He was followed by **John Pietig** until June 2021. John had served as Assistant City Manager for nine years. City Manager **Shohreh Dupuis** left in late 2023, and **Sean Joyce** filled in as Interim City Manager before **Dave Kiff** was hired. Ken worked for the staff of the League of California Cities between 1971 and 1975. From 1975 until 1979, he served as Assistant to the City Manager in the city of Berkeley. Ken came to Laguna Beach in September 1979. He was 66 years old at his 2010 retirement.

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Laguna Niguel emerged following a number of large property transactions starting with an 1842 land grant. With the 1959 completion of Interstate 5, roadway access was improved to Los

Angeles and Orange County job centers, improving residential demand. The Laguna Niguel Corporation developed one of California's first master planned communities. The city incorporated in December 1989, after discussions and consideration of joining with Dana Point as one city. The 2020 population of Laguna Niguel is 64,355. The city manager is veteran public manager **Tamara Letourneau**, and **Justin J. Martin** is Assistant City Manager. **Marissa Asistin** is City Clerk, and the Assistant to the City Manager is **Kevin O'Connor**. **Trevor Agrelus** is the Finance Director and **Heidi Lee** is the Finance Manager. **Jonathon Harmon** is the Parks and Recreation Director, and **Jonathan Orduna** is the Community Development Director.



Laguna Niguel City Manager **Tamara Letourneau** began her public management career in 1989 with the Monrovia City Clerk. In September 1993 she became an Administrative Aide for Arcadia. She went to Claremont

in 1995 with City Manager **Glenn Southard**. She was the Assistant to the City Manager when she was appointed Sierra Madre city manager in 2001. In 2004 she became the Yorba Linda city manager, serving there until 2008 when she became a Senior Manager for a consulting firm. In February 2014, Tammy was hired to serve as the Assistant City Manager for Costa Mesa. In August 2019, she was selected to be the city manager for the City of Laguna Niguel, where she has served for a little more than 6 years. Tamara was the MMASC President in 1997-1998, a Co-Chair of Women Leading Government, 2008-2017. In 2020 she received a 25 Year ICMA Service Award. Tamara earned a BS in management and human resources from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



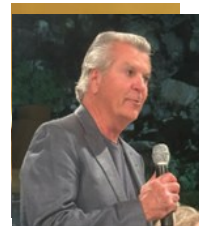
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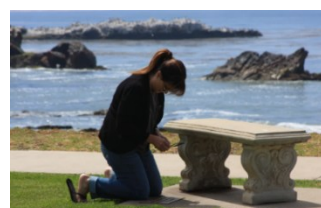
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Laguna Woods' genesis was the 1962 Moulton Ranch land purchase by developer **Ross Cortese**, who previously helped develop Rossmoor and Leisure World in Seal Beach. His goal was to create a second Leisure World

community. He was successful when in 1964 his Leisure World Laguna Hills project got its first residents. About ninety percent of the city consists of Laguna Woods Village, a private gated retirement community, formerly known as Leisure World. The other ten percent of the city consists of businesses, some homes and the city hall, which are all accessible to the public. The city officially was incorporated in March 1999. Its 2020 population is 17,644. The city is located within the Capistrano Unified School District and the Saddleback Valley Unified School District. Laguna Woods water is supplied by the Moulton Niguel Water District. **Doris Jackson**, a Laguna Woods resident, designed the Laguna Woods city seal, which was refined by Greg Smith and Associates.

Following City Manager **Leslie Keane** stepping down in 2013, **Christopher Macon**, at age 27, was appointed Laguna Woods city manager in August 2013, following his work as Interim City Manager. Chris earned a BA in organizational management from the University of La Verne and an MPP from California State University, Northridge.

Jeffrey Parker, who is currently working with a cutting-edge leadership development company, served as Walnut city manager from 1995 to 2005, before he was appointed Claremont city manager in December 2005. Jeff moved to the Tustin city manager position in January 2012, where he worked for more than 10 years. He was hired as the Laguna Woods Village CEO and President starting in February 2019. Jeff earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.

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Laguna Woods first city manager was **Leslie Keane** starting at incorporation in March 1999. She served Laguna Woods for nearly 15 years, retiring in October 2013. After leaving the city, Leslie served as the Interim City Clerk for the City of Moreno Valley from March to June 2016. She kept active in a number of volunteer positions and still serves as a volunteer schedule coordination for the Heritage Park Friends of the Library. Leslie spent a year from April 2024 to April 2025 as the Newsletter Editor and Vice President for the South Orange County Exchange Club. She is a past Trustee and President of the Orange County Cemetery District. Leslie has also worked with the CSDA Finance Corporation, and the Independent Special Districts of Orange County, Leslie earned a BA in journalist and political science from San Diego State University and an MBA from the University of Redlands. She also completed Certificate programs a **USC**, UC Riverside and UC Irvine.



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Lake Elsinore is a Riverside County city that was established in 1888. The city is on the shore of Lake

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Lake Elsinore City Manager **Jason Simpson** began his working career as a Senior Auditor for a private accounting firm. In November 1994, Jason went to work for Costa Mesa as Assistant Director of Finance. He was hired by Vallejo in October 1998 as Assistant Director of Finance. Following a private side stint, Jason went to Indio as Assistant Director of Finance in 2002 and he took a similar post in Temecula in 2004, and Desert Hot Springs in 2008. In 2012 he became Director of Finance in San Bernardino, and in 2013 Director of Administration for the South Orange County Wastewater Authority. In 2014 he joined the Lake Elsinore city staff as Director of Administrative Services. He became Assistant City Manager in 2017 and then City Manager in 2021. Jason earned a BS in accounting from Biola University.

California Managers in Cities from La Verne to Lake Elsinore

Lake Elsinore, the city, is on the shores of Lake Elsinore, the lake. The lake is a shallow body of water and struggles at times due to increasing temperatures, algae blooms and declining dissolved oxygen levels during hot weather months.

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Many names focus through the fog of time once an inquiry is begun. **Grant Yates** served as city manager for 8 years and retired in February 2021. **Robert "Bob" Brady (Served as of 2012):** City Manager who faced a period on leave and some opposition, but also had supporters within the city staff. Bob was city manager for 7 years and was terminated in March 2012. **Tom Evans** served as an Interim City Manager in April 2012. Other city manager names include **Daniel Metze, Dan Bender, Gary Washburn, Pam Brinley**, and **Ron Molendyk**. Also, **Tere Cherveney**, resigned in August 1994. We apologize for not producing a comprehensive list. Time and space rule our efforts. Former Lake Elsinore City Manager



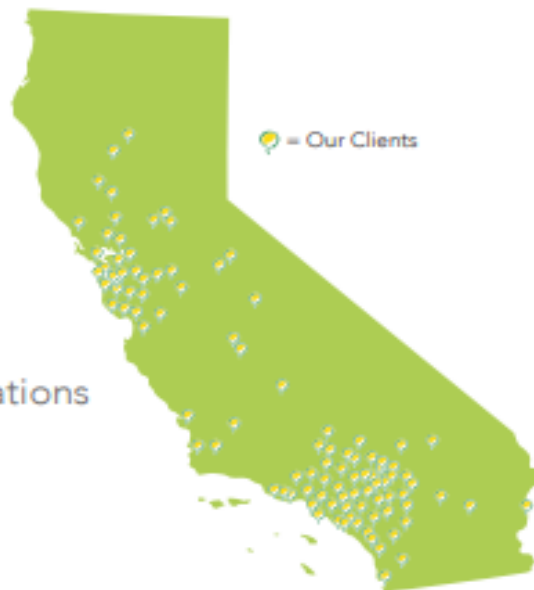
Ron Molendyk, also served as Interim City Manager in Perris. Ron retired as the Lake Elsinore city manager in 1998. He started his 35 years career in the Recreation Department for Buena Park. He also worked in Long Beach, Bell, Brea and Rolling Hills. ***



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Letters and Notes from Readers:

They chose to publish my commencement remarks to the Cal-State Long Beach Master of Public Administration (MPA) graduating class of 2025.

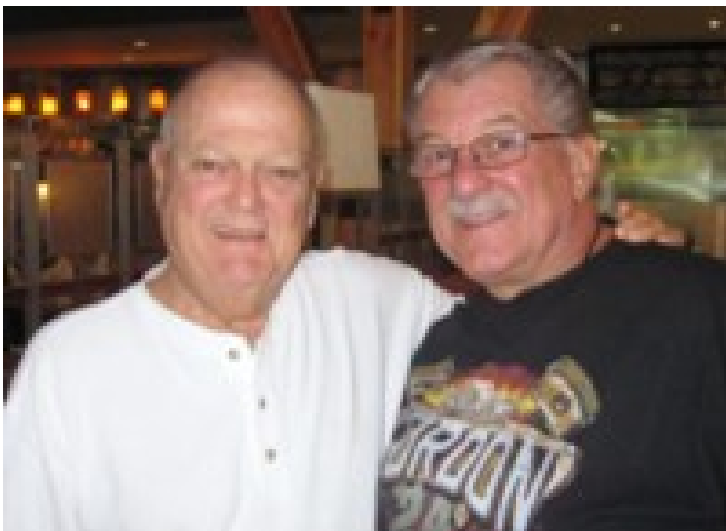
<https://icma.org/blog-posts/start-finish-habits-icons-local-public-service>

--**Stephen Harding**,
Former City Manager

Thought I would pass this along following the festivities to celebrate Bud's 80th birthday. A very thoughtful article by a prior Burbank Mayor and respected writer. In addition to Burbank luminaries, family and friends, several city managers who are longtime colleagues and friends including Lloyd deLlamas, Jim Starbird, Scott Mitnick (who worked for both Bud & I), and Mike Sedell.

https://outlooknewspapers.com/burbankleader/opinion/david-laurell-former-city-managers-birthday-turns-back-clock-on-glory-days/article_4d65658e-3d50-4a86-82af-f73af2709922.html

---**Denise Ovrum**,
Former City Manager and HdL Executive



Former City Administrator and county executive **Ray Harris** and Jack Simpson. Ray passed away in 2022. He wanted his ashes scattered at sea. Ray's wife **Carol Harris** reminds us that Ray was very proud of his United States Army service. He was a proud veteran. Ray was a longtime Bellflower executive. He worked for the RTD, and he was a District Representative for California Assembly Speaker Pro Tem **Frank Vicencia**. Ray served as the City Administrator for Hawaiian Gardens, and he retired as Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe's** Transportation Deputy.



Picking Up the Pieces: San Ramon City Manager **Steven Spedowski** has elevated eighteen-year Community Development Department veteran **Lauren Barr** to be the next **San Ramon** Director of Community Development. He most recently has worked as the Planning Division Manager since 2017. He joined the San Ramon city staff in 2007 as a Senior Planner. Lauren is succeeding Director of Community Development **Debbie Chamberlain**, who retires in August 2025. He previously worked for the City of Laguna Woods (2002-2007). People in Hemet are unveiling a new LED clock at City Hall. This renewed feature displays both the time and current temperature. The clock is part of the final touches for the recent upgrading to city hall, including a full exterior repaint and the restoration of original wooden architectural features. **Mark Prestwich** is the Hemet city manager. Mark previously served as city manager for the cities of Nevada City, St. Helena, and Palos Verdes Estates. Mark is a former President of the Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC) in 2017. City Administrator **Frank Kennedy** is retiring after 11 years as the Williams city manager. Frank joined the staff as city administrator in May 2014. The City of Williams wants all Resumes submitted by August 21, 2025. Interview will be planned on August 27 and the new city manager will begin work on September 17. Williams is located on Interstate 5 at the Highway 20 junction, with Clear Lake to the west and Colusa to the east. It is known for one of the best Deli's in the California and beyond called *Granzella's Restaurant & Delicatessen*. Frank served as a Correctional Lieutenant for the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department from September 1983 to May 1999. He worked as the Volunteer Center of Sacramento from 2000 until 2013, when he joined the Williams city staff as a Management Analyst. He earned a BA from Saint Mary's College of California. Arroyo Grande has a new Chief of Police in **David Culver**, who brings 17 years of law enforcement experience to the position. He has served as the Interim Chief of Police since May 30. David has worked as an academy instructor for the Allan Hancock College law enforcement program. He earned a BS in criminal justice from the California Coast University. The Arroyo Grande city manager is **Matthew Downing**. The Battistone Foundation, a family nonprofit organization that owns more than 190 low-income housing units for seniors in downtown Santa Barbara, announced plans to sell the properties. Some tenants have organized and started the Edgerly Tenants Association. They are fearful of losing their homes and want to raise awareness of the pending sale. **Craig Griffith** said the tenants can see three options with the sale: "To be purchased by a nonprofit, by the city or county, or by a for-profit." A Housing Authority could be established and organized by the city. The Santa Barbara city administrator is **Kelly McAdoo**.



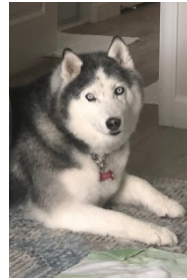
Former city managers **Stephen Harding**, **Henry Garcia** and **Randy Anstine** at Zacatecas in Riverside.

Some considerations and thoughts, just for edification and "remember whens":

After 28 years of iconic shows and performances, the *Buck Owens Crystal Palace* in Bakersfield has closed its doors. The combination restaurant, bar and club occupied more than 21,000 square feet at 2800 Buck Owens Boulevard. The property has been for sale for the past 13 months with an asking price of \$7.5 million. Among those who performed there were **Buck Owens & the Buckaroos**, **Dixie Chicks**, **Taylor Swift**, **Garth Brooks** and most other country music headliners. According to Baseball Reference.com, the Los Angeles Angels' of Anaheim Designated Hitter **Mike Trout** has 398 career home runs, and 1,602 strikeouts. He has not played an entire season since 2019, when he played in 134 games. Mike celebrates his birthday on August 7. Mike is paid about \$45 million annually. He signed a 12-year, \$426,500,000 contract in 2019. One of California's coolest beaches is on the Russian River in Sonoma County. Beach goes at Johnson's Beach in Guerneville are actually about 14 miles from the surf line at the Pacific Coast. Johnson's Beach offers rentals of canoes, kayaks, inner tubes, beach chairs and umbrellas. It also has a kiddie pond and snack bar with beer and wine. Rentals of historic bungalows built in the 1920s are available for overnight stays. The picture here is of 8 year old **Koa Jackson Simpson Ha** lifting at the RAW Performance gym in Los Alamitos.

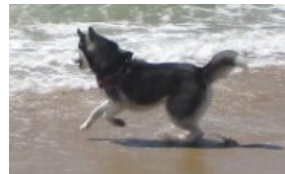


2014 picture of **Ralph Holmes**, **Marshall Linn**, **Wesley Wolf**, and the late **Frank G. Triepi** at the League City Managers' Department meeting at the Long Beach Hyatt.



More Pieces Picked Up: Miles Slattery was appointed Eureka's city manager in July 2020. After serving as Interim City Manager, Miles was sworn in as City Manager in December 2020. He previously served more than 12 years as the city's Parks and Recreation Director. Miles first joined the Eureka city staff in March 2006 as a Project Manager. He

was a Chemist for the city of San Diego from August 1998 to February 2006. Miles earned a BS in fisheries biology from Humboldt State University. South San Francisco Karen Chang previously worked for the cities of San Leandro (Assistant Finance Director), Pleasanton and Pittsburg. Karen also has experience as a Senior Financial Accountant at ARCO CHINA INC. She earned a BS in accounting and finance from San Francisco State University. ***EKA** Managing Partner **Kellie Hawkins** announced that retired Long Beach City Manager **Pat West** has joined **EKA** as a Joint Venture Partner.



SHORTS: *Laguna Beach resident **Jan Perkins**, ICMA consultant, worked for the city of Fremont for a dozen years (1992-2004) and served as city manager starting from 1993, following her service

as Morgan Hill city manager (1990-1992). *Colusa City Manager **Jesse Cain** also works as the Streets Department and Wastewater Treatment Plant manager. ***Linda Lowry** retired in December 2019 after serving as the City of Pomona City Manager for 14 years. ***Former La Verne** Chief of Police **Colleen Flores** retired early in 2024 due to a medical condition. ***After a public service career of more than 30 years working in Santa Barbara (1997-2021) and Santa Monica (1991-1997), Paul Casey** launch a Management Consultant firm in January 2022. ***Fort Bragg** Chief of Police **Neil Cervenka** will continue serving the city through September and then retire. ***Fullerton's Kim Chaudhry** tells us that Fullerton has been recognized as one of the safest suburbs in America by a national study conducted by SmartAsset. ***Cathy Terrones**, Senior Executive Assistant to City Manager, in Indian Wells has retired. ***According to writer Will Huntsberry** of *Voice of San Diego*, the City of Encinitas, where **Jennifer Campbell** is City Manager, is closer to meeting its State-mandated housing number than any other city in San Diego County. ***Retired San Diego County Counsel Claudia Silva**, whose annual salary was \$363,000, negotiated a retirement payout agreement with the county amounting to \$530,000 plus health benefits for 18 months. ***San Diego County includes eighteen (18) incorporated cities. *Long Beach** Public Works Director **Eric Lopez** is leaving the city for a private sector position, and City Manager **Tom Modica** has appointed Deputy Director **Joshua Hickman** as Acting Director beginning in September 2025. ***